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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Klaus Gaedke et al.  
Application No.: 09/778,255  
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Title: Method and Apparatus for Bitrate Control in a Video or  
Audio Encoder  
Examiner: Erick J. Rekstad  
Art Unit: 2613  
Customer No.: 24498

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioners for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending April 11, 2004 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.